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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Official Action of the USPTO of May 22, 2006 in the above-captioned application. The application has been unintentionally been abandoned, because Applicant did not substantively respond to the above-mentioned Official Action within six months, as they were involved in filing a series of petitions to perfect priority. On December 28, 2006, Applicant submitted an amendment to correct a minor deficiency in its petition to perfect priority that was filed on June 2, 2006. Applicant believes that the petition will be granted and bases the current amendment on that assumption. A petition to revive an application abandoned unintentionally is submitted concurrently with this amendment.